(f) Establishment of new BOPs; and

(g)Deployment of additional BSF Bns on Indo-Bangladesh border on being relieved CI grid in Jammu & Kashmir.

Suicides by soldiers of security forces

†782. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of committing suicides by soldiers of security forces are rapidly increasing in the wake of not sanctioning their leave etc. by their senior officials;

(b) if so, the details of such cases which have taken place during the last year;

(c) whether any scheme has been formulated by Government to prevent such incidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) 81 cases of suicides in Central Police Forces and 133 suicide cases in Armed forces have been reported during the year 2004.

(c) and (d) To address the common causes of suicides-duty related stress, mental depression, domestic problems, marital discord and chronic illness, as determined through various studies in the security forces-the following steps are taken:-

(i) Regulate duty hours and periodically rotate personnel from hard areas to soft areas within the constraints of operational requirements.

(ii) Regular participation of personnel in sports competitions and recreational activities.

(iii) Communication facilities for personnel in the remote areas to keep in touch with their families.

(iv) Regular interaction by officers with personnel through Sammelans, visit to forward areas etc.

(v) Introduction of stress removal techniques like Yoga and Vipasana.

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(vi) Introduction of welfare measures such as canteen facilities, loan from welfare funds etc.

Non-implementation of Sarkaria Commission's recommendations

783. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent observations of the Supreme Court regarding non-implementation of the Sarkaria Comitiission's recommendations in the matter of appointment of Governors of the States; and

(b) if so, what steps consistent with the Sarkaria Commission's report if any, have beeataken in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Government of India has not recently received any Supreme Court order referring to the non-implementation of Sarkaria Commission's recommendation in the matter of appointment of Governors.

(b) Does not arise.

Foreigners staying in India illegally

†784. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the name of studying theology several foreigners are illegally staying and living in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh for years, even after the expiry of their visa period;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that these foreigners have also purchased land there; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and whether Government propose to take some appropriate steps with the help of the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRI PRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per information received from the State Government, no foreign national is residing in Mathura unauthorisedly after expiry of their visa as on date.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

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